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Subject: Anti-dumping duties on corundum undermining the competitiveness of the European refractory industry

The Commission has slapped up to 136% in anti-dumping duties on Chinese corundum (fused alumina) imports. However, the EU counts only four corundum producers, whose limited capacity is unable to meet European demand, so almost 50% of the alumina used in the refractory industry comes from China.

The refractory sector, which provides some 20 000 direct and 60 000 indirect jobs in Europe, is dependent upon a stable and competitive supply of this raw material. These anti-dumping measures thus risk creating supply shortages and excessive market concentration among a few European producers, jeopardising competition, employment and competitiveness in sectors such as refractories, steelworking and aluminium.

In view of this:

1. How will the Commission ensure that these measures do not exacerbate capacity and concentration problems in European fused alumina production, thus curtailing competition and undermining the competitiveness of dependent industries?
2. Given the impact that this tariff will have on European refractory companies, does the Commission intend to review the rate or its temporary nature in order to avoid serious economic consequences for these companies and their workers?

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